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May 3, 1999

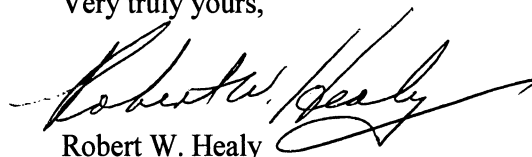
To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order No. 40 of April 12, 1999 and Calendar Item No. 3 of April 26, 1999, please be advised that I have commenced the process necessary to allow the City to be in the proper legal position to proceed with an eminent domain taking of the subject property by having contracted with an appraiser. An opinion of value will be available to me by about May 21, 1999. Including an estimated amount in the submitted FY2000 budget for a pro tanto payment prior to receiving an appraisal could be harmful in defending a land damage claim on these parcels.

In addition, please be advised that the FY2000 budget document does contain recommended appropriations for three million dollars for "the purpose of" acquisition of property. M.G.L. c. 44, §33 provides that "In the case of the failure of the [manager] to transmit a written recommendation for an appropriation for any purpose not included in the annual budget, which is deemed necessary by the council, after having been requested by vote thereof, said council, after the expiration of seven days from such vote, upon its own initiative may make such appropriation by a vote of at least two thirds of its members...." The Supreme Judicial Court has stated, in analyzing §33, that "The context shows that the words 'any purpose,'...mean and can only mean an object other than those already included in the annual and supplementary budgets submitted by the [manager]." *Flood v. Hodges*, 231 Mass. 252. Since the budget document contains a recommended appropriation for the purpose of acquiring land for open space, I believe that any use of §33 to "increase" that amount would contravene the provisions of the municipal finance act.

I recommend that the appraisal process be completed and that any approval of an appropriation for the acquisition of the referenced parcels occur concurrently with an order of taking. To do otherwise might be harmful in any litigation that could ensue from an eminent domain taking.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #12

Relative to Order #40, dated
April 1999 and Calendar Item
No. 3, dated April 26, 1999,
regarding the possibility of an eminent
domain taking of properties located
on and/or around Fulkerson Street.

In City Council May 3, 1999

Referred to Unfinished
business until City
Council meeting of May 17,
1999

Referred to Agenda #, ^{5/17/99}

Cambridge Public Schools

Summary of Minority Hires:

9/1/97 – 6/30/98

9/1/98 – 5/7/99

Cambridge Public Schools

Report on Minority Hiring:

9/1/97 –6/30/98

9/1/98 – 5/7/99

Summary

- The percentage of minority persons hired into administrative positions this year increased by 67% over previous year (from 0% to 67%).
- The percentage of minority persons hired into teaching positions this year increased by 17% over the previous year (from 12% to 29%).
- The percentage of minority persons hired into support staff positions this year decreased by 4% from the previous year (from 37% to 33%).
- Overall, the percentage of minority hires during the current year increased by 8% over the previous school year (from 24% to 32%).

Minority Hire Report

Cambridge Public Schools

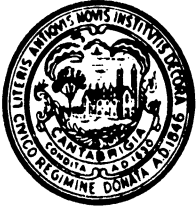
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		Minority Hires	Non-Minority Hires	Total Hires	Minority Hires	Non-Minority Hires	Total Hires
Administrators	No.:	0	2	2	2	1	3
	Percent:	0%	100%	100%	67%	33%	100%
Teachers	No.:	4	29	33	15	37	52
	Percent:	12%	88%	100%	29%	71%	100%
Support Staff	No.:	20	34	54	44	91	135
	Percent:	<u>37%</u>	<u>63%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>33%</u>	<u>67%</u>	<u>100%</u>
Total		No:	20	65	85	61	129
		Percent:	24%	76%	100%	32%	68%



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To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to the three Finance Committee Orders requesting budget information prior to the adoption of the FY00 Budget, I hereby report the following:

In response to Finance Committee Order No. 1, which requested information on the establishment of a regular program for the accessibility of the books and materials to the students in Area IV, please be advised that the Cambridge Public Library and the Human Services Department have each committed \$1,000 from FY00 funds to initiate a book collection at neighborhood youth centers, beginning with the Area IV Youth Center. The books will be selected by library staff who specializes in materials for young adults. The materials will include both educational and recreational reading materials.

In response to Finance Committee Order No. 2, regarding providing one full-time youth worker per youth center please be advised that I recommending the addition of \$68,000 for the Human Services Salary and Wages Account to support this request.

In response to Finance Committee Order No. 3, which requested data on minorities hired by the School Department, please find attached a response received from the Superintendent of Schools Bobbie D'Alessandro.

In addition, the amended appropriation orders include the \$535,000 appropriation for the Agenda for Children budget in the Department of Human Services.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #1

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Relative to a response to
Finance Committee Orders requesting
budget information prior to the
adoption of the FY00 Budget.

In City Council May 17, 1999

Referred to
Unfinished Business #19 20 21
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